

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1478 - SB 1676

January 29, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes persons with at least three years of experience as a military police officer in any branch of the United States armed forces within the previous ten years to qualify to be elected to the office of Sheriff.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact – In the event a person with three years of experience as a military police officer, who is not POST Commission certified, is elected to serve as Sheriff and subsequently requests to attend TLETA training, it would increase local government expenditures \$2,500.

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-8-102 (a)(9)(A), candidates for the office of Sheriff must have at least three years of full-time experience as a Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission certified law enforcement officer in the previous ten years, or at least three years of full-time experience as a state or federal certified law enforcement officer with training equivalent to that required by the POST Commission.
- The provisions of the legislation would not require persons with three years of experience as a military police officer to have a POST Commission certification.
- According to information provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance (C&I), this bill will not fiscally impact the department or the POST Commission.
- Based on information provided by C&I, the cost of a basic law enforcement recruit class at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA) is \$2,500 per person.
- Authorizing persons with three years of experience as a military police officer to qualify to be elected to the office of Sheriff will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.
- However, in the event one person with three years of experience as a military police officer, who is not POST Commission certified, is elected to serve in the office of Sheriff and subsequently requests to attend TLETA training, it would result in an increase in local government expenditures of \$2,500.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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